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LETTER DATED 2 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The aggressor has in the last ten days engaged new forces from the Republic of Serbia against the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The aggressor has brought units (parts of the Uzice and Valjevo Corps) to the area of the middle Drina: Ljubovija-Bratunac, Bajina Basta - Skelani and Mali Zvornik-Zvornik. It is estimated that the aggressor has engaged 29 tanks, and in manpower, 3-4 infantry brigades with a total strength of about 7,000 soldiers. In the composition of these units there are also numerous artillery pieces, armoured transporters, and other means of support. The probable goal of the engagement of these forces is to further threaten and possibly occupy the free territory of Srebrenica, Bratunac and Zvornik, and to join with forces in the area of Sekovici and Vlasenica.

The engagement of such strong forces of the aggressor, directed at the poorly armed, hungry, and sick population, points to the preparation and real danger of a new massacre of the Muslim and Croat population.

Furthermore, in the area of the Bosnian Posavina (Sava river valley) new forces of the aggressor are also being brought from the Republic of Serbia and the Bosnian Krajina (western Bosnia) with effective of about 100 tanks and 16,000 soldiers, who intend to take part in actions for the widening of the corridor which connects the Krajinas in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina with Serbia. Towards that end in 2-3 days time they plan to undertake more intense offensive actions against Orasje and Gradacac.

The renewed and intensified Serbian and Montenegrin aggression against the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina seriously undermines the Geneva political solution-seeking process, and raises legitimate doubts about the aggressor's sincerity in pursuing a settlement. The Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina finds it quite difficult to continue political negotiations under the conditions outlined above, and implores the Security Council to take all necessary measures against the Government in Belgrade which is taking the new steps in gross violation of numerous Council resolutions.

Excellency, may I request your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador and Permanent Representative